MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: Yes, Sir.

PRESIDENT: What is that?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: There is a guard provided to see that no visitors get in there. A gate is also being put up.

Recruitment of Ezhavas to the Magistracy.

111. ❋**MR. K. MADHAVAN** (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the date on which the last Ezhava was recruited to the Magistracy;

(*b*) the office from which he was so recruited and

(*c*) the date on which the last Ezhava was recruited to the Magistracy from the Secretariat?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) 5-8-1110.

(*b*) Divisional Treasury, Trivandrum.

(*c*) 25-11-1105.

MR. K. MADHAVAN: May I know the number of vacancies in the Magistracy that arose in 1110?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: I claim notice.

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: സിക്കുട്ടേറിയറ്റിൽ ക ക ഠ മുതൽ ക ക ക ര് വരെയുള്ള നിയമനങ്ങൾ എപ്രകാരമാണെന്നു പറയുവാൻ മഹനീയ മുണ്ടാകുമോ?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: I claim notice.

Drowning tragedy in the Vembanad lake.

112 ❋**MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether a drowning tragedy took place in the Vembanad lake on 22-9-1114; and

(*b*) whether any enquiry has been made into the incident and if so the result thereof?

KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes. Crime No. 82/14 was registered in Shertalai Station and investigation has proved that it was purely an accident.

MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know the number of persons that were in the boat?

KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM: 23.

MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI: How many men were there in the boat?

KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM: There were 18 adults, 1 child and 4 crew.

MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know the number that actually died?

KHAN BAHADUR G. S ABDUL KARIM: The information is that two actually died.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertala*): What was the circumstance under which the boat was drowned?

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KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM: The boat named Alfa belonging to one Mr. Abraham left Ernakulam at about 5 P. M. on that fateful day. When it passed Vaikom it was 10 P. M. 4 additional persons got in from Vaikom. A little after passing Vaikom there was a heavy storm. The boat was affected to a great extent and it was tossing this side and that side. It was almost in a perilous condition in the midst of storm. A certain drunkard who got in at Vaikom fell from it and he is yet to be traced. In the course of the tempestuous weather the accident happened. One of the victims was taken to the Kottayam Hospital and was treated there.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know the number of passengers in the boat from the starting point?

KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM: 14.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: Was any check done in the intermediate stations?

KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM: I am not aware of that.

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: വൈക്കത്തുനിന്നും പുറപ്പെട്ടപ്പോൾ ബോട്ടിൽ എത്രപേരുണ്ടായിരുന്നു?

KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM: On a point of order. Whenever this gentleman comes to me with certain recommendations he talks in English and now he puts interpellations in Malayalam.

PRESIDENT: In this House the honourable members can make their own choice either to speak in Malayalam or Tamil or in English. So far as I know, in this House this honourable member has chosen to speak in Malayalam and many other honourable members speak in other languages. So far as this House is concerned that practice is recognised.

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: വൈക്കത്തുനിന്നും ബോട്ട് പുറപ്പെട്ടപ്പോൾ ബോട്ടിൽ എത്രപേരുണ്ടായിരുന്നു?

KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM: 18 adults, 1 child and 4 crew.

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: ആ ബോട്ടിനു കൊടുത്തിരുന്ന ലൈസൻസ് അനുസരിച്ച് അപ്പോൾ ഓവർലോഡ് ആയിരുന്നോ?

KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM: I am not aware of that. I shall ask Mr. Truscott about it.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: It is answered in the question that an investigation was carried on. The case has been registered as crime No. 82/14. Then, How can the member say that he was not aware of that?

KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM: The case was fully investigated by the Police and the P. W. Department as well as the local First Class Magistrate and the Additional District Magistrate, Alleppey.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: We are concerned with the investigation of the Police Department. Was it found out that there was any overloading in the boat?

KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM: No, Sir.

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